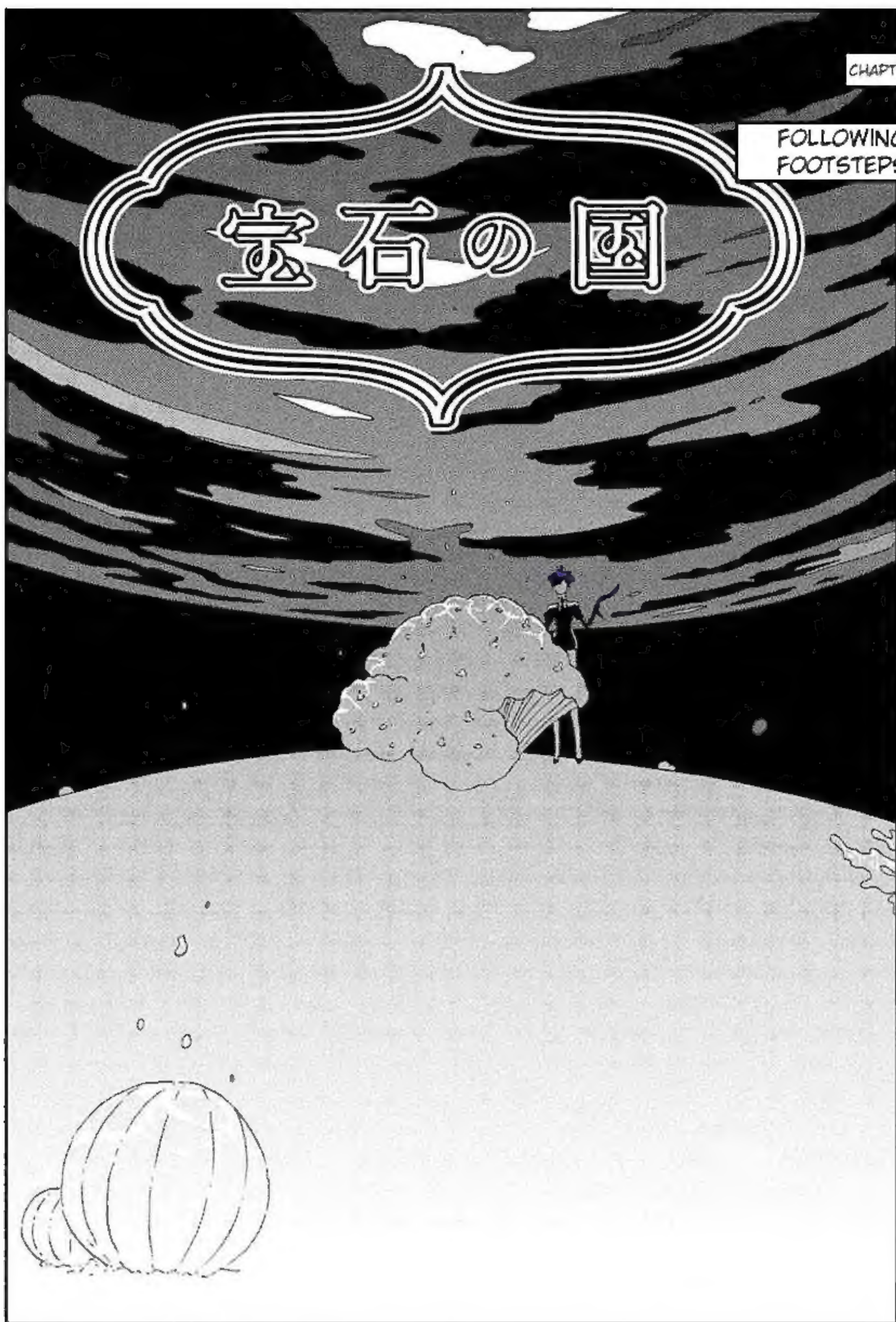
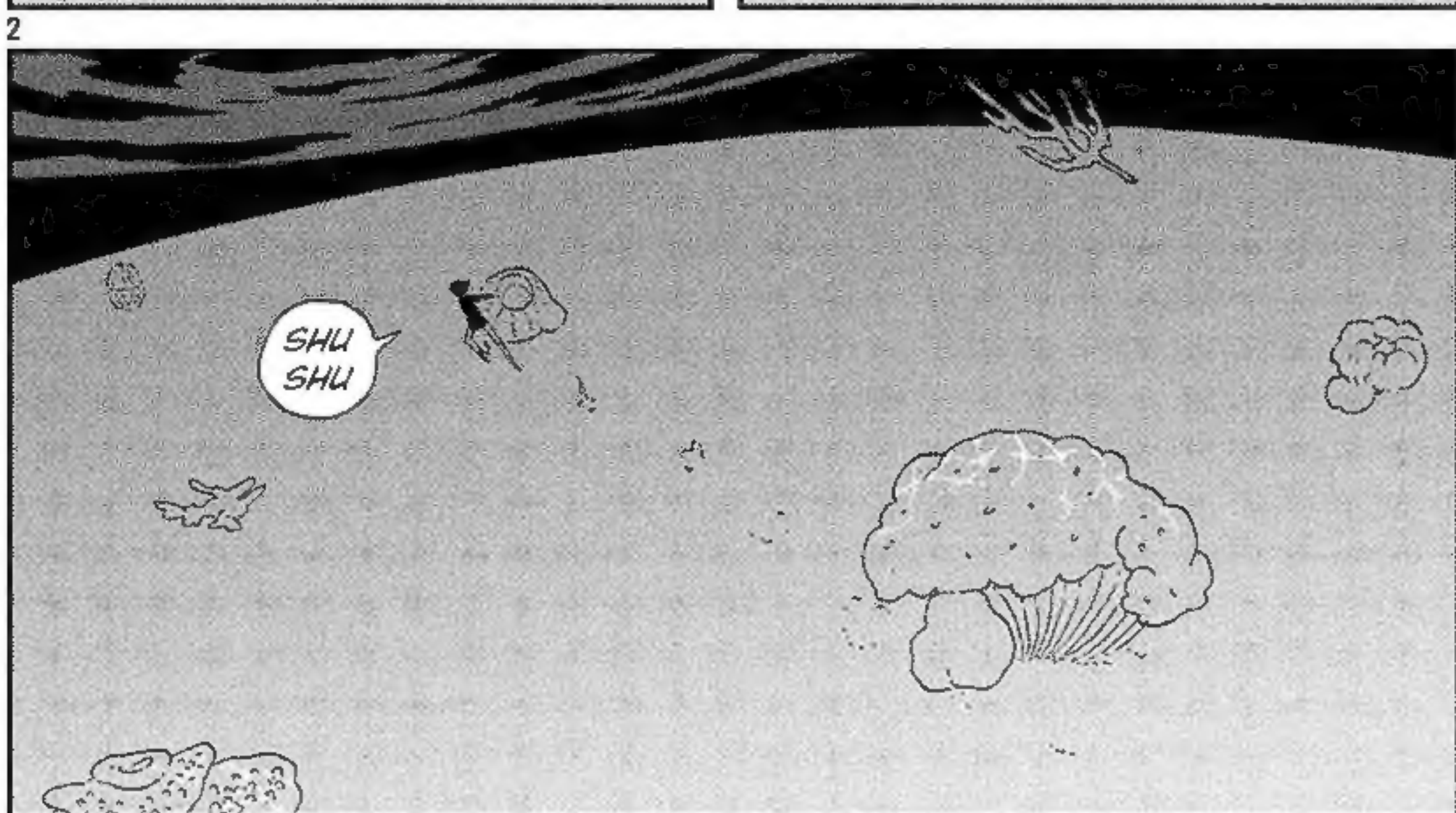
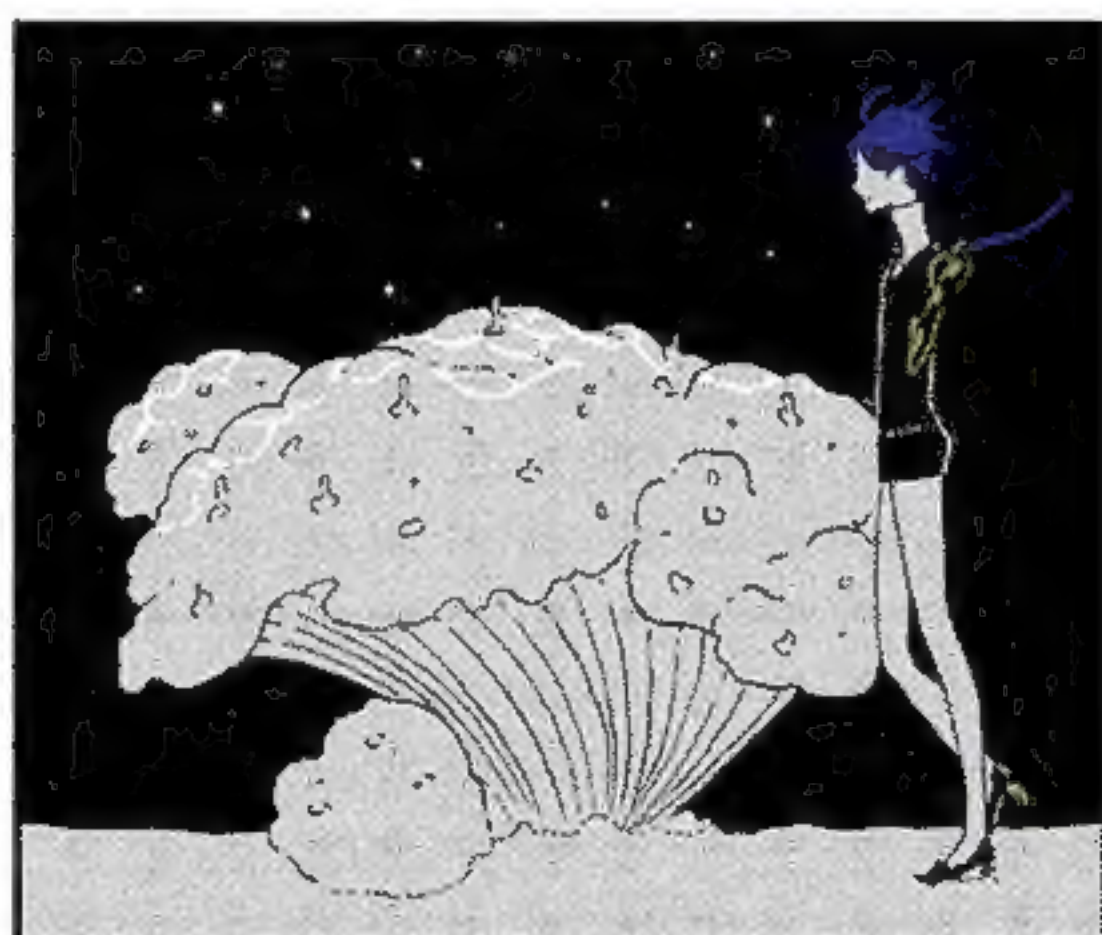
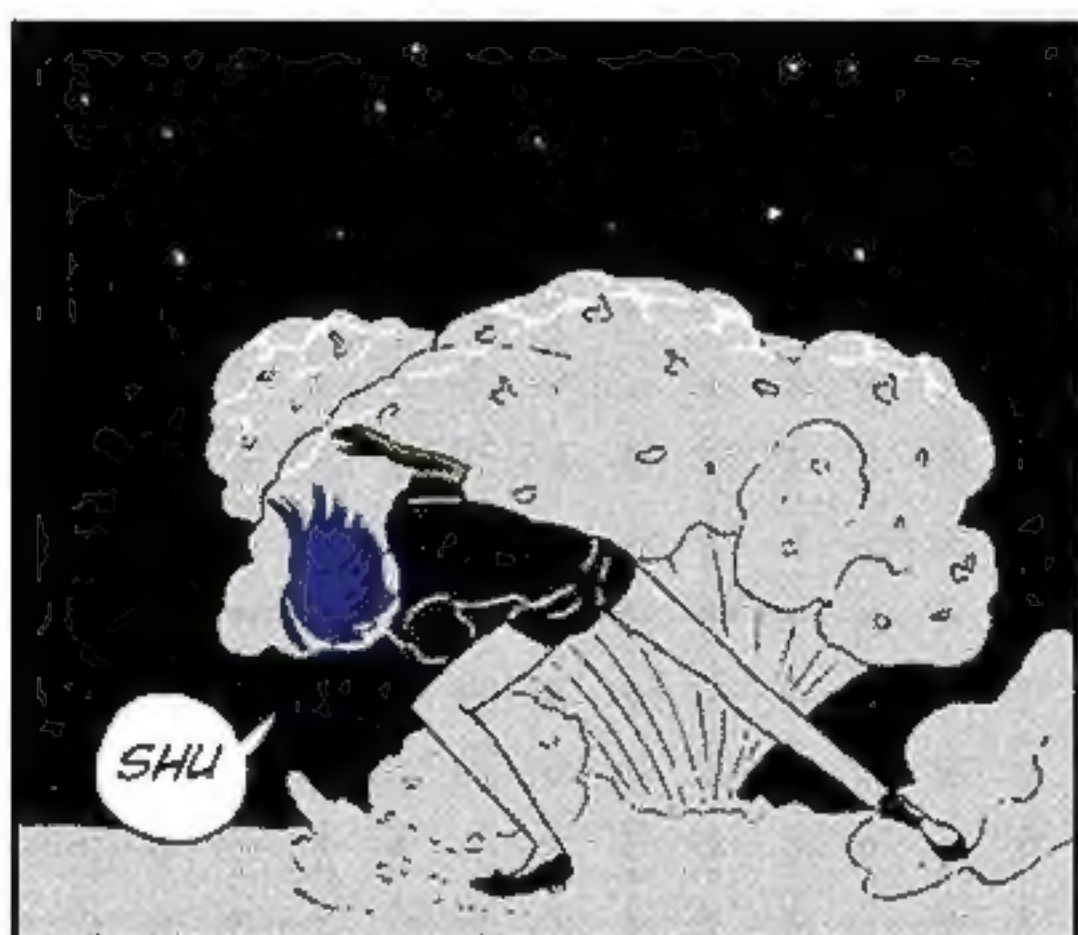
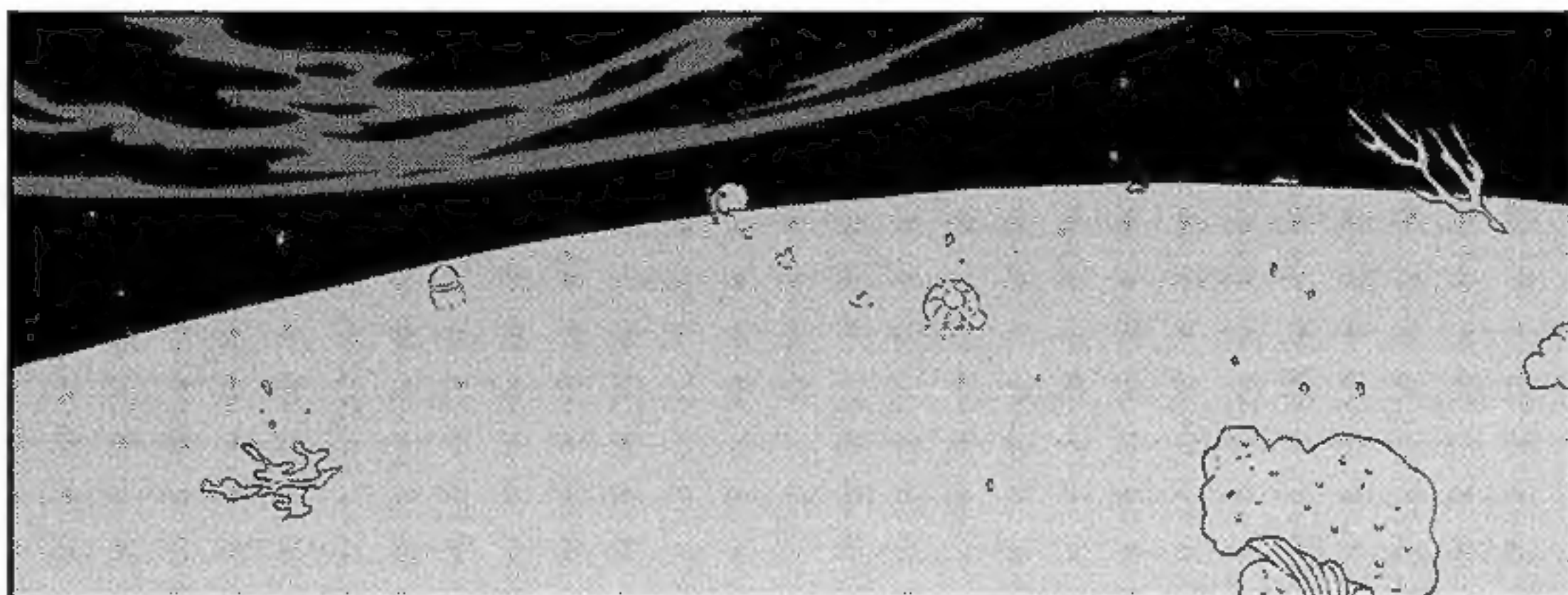


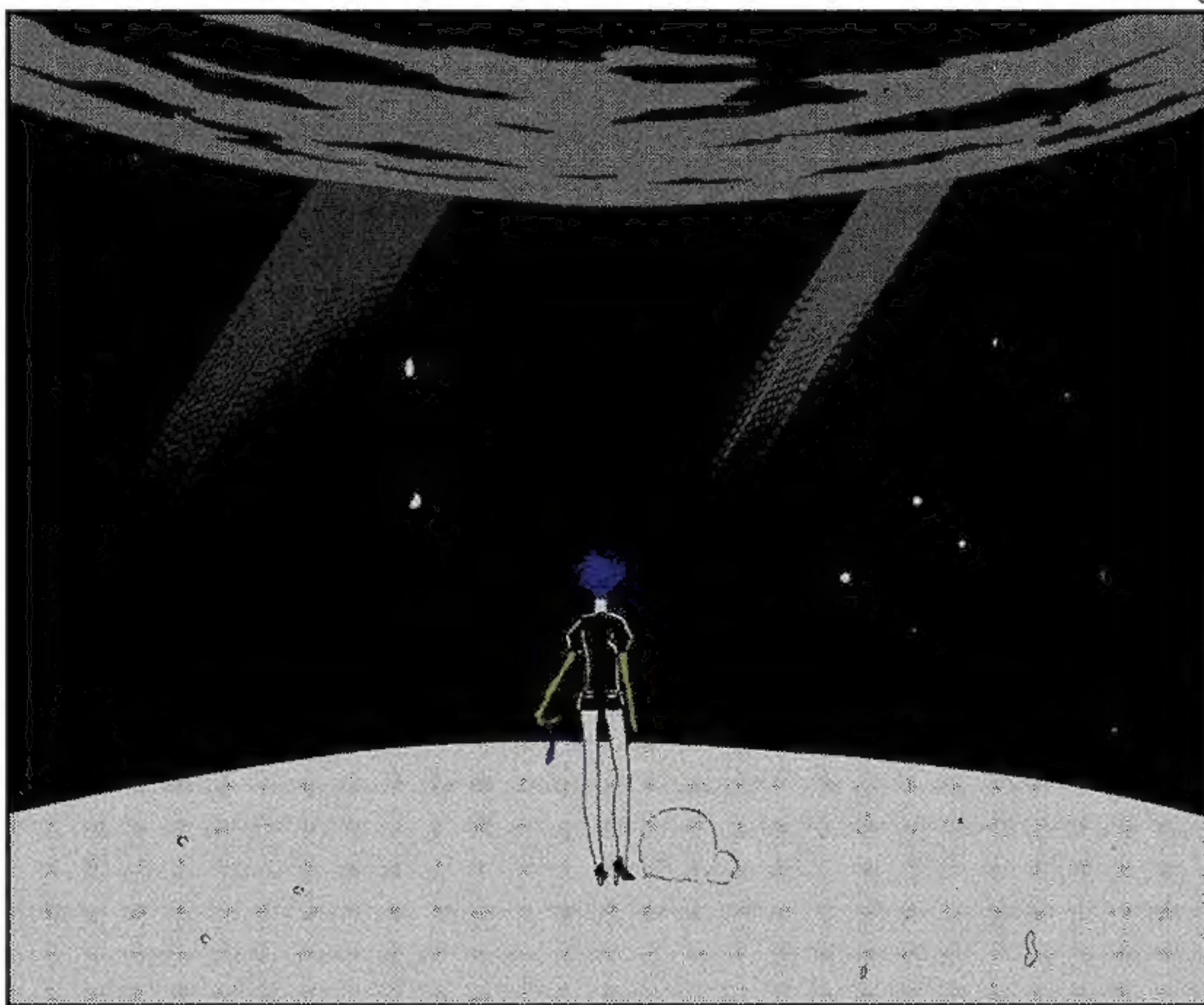
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MAYBE
THANKS
TO
LAPIS'
HEAD
NOW
IT'S
ALL
MORE
REALISTIC
TO
HIM.

IS
HE
HALLU-
CINATING
AGAIN?

WHAT
IF...?

HMM
...



YOU'LL SOON GET
USED TO IT.
LOOK, IT LOOKS
LIKE PHOS AS
HE WAS BEFORE,
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

THE
HAIR...
SOMEONE
GAVE
IT
TO
ME.

I WON'T BE
ABLE TO SLEEP
IF I DON'T
FIX THIS!

DEFINITELY...



DO YOU
REMEMBER ANYTHING
ABOUT THAT?

I SORT OF
WENT WITH SOMEONE
TO THE SEA.

...LISTEN, 100
YEARS AGO

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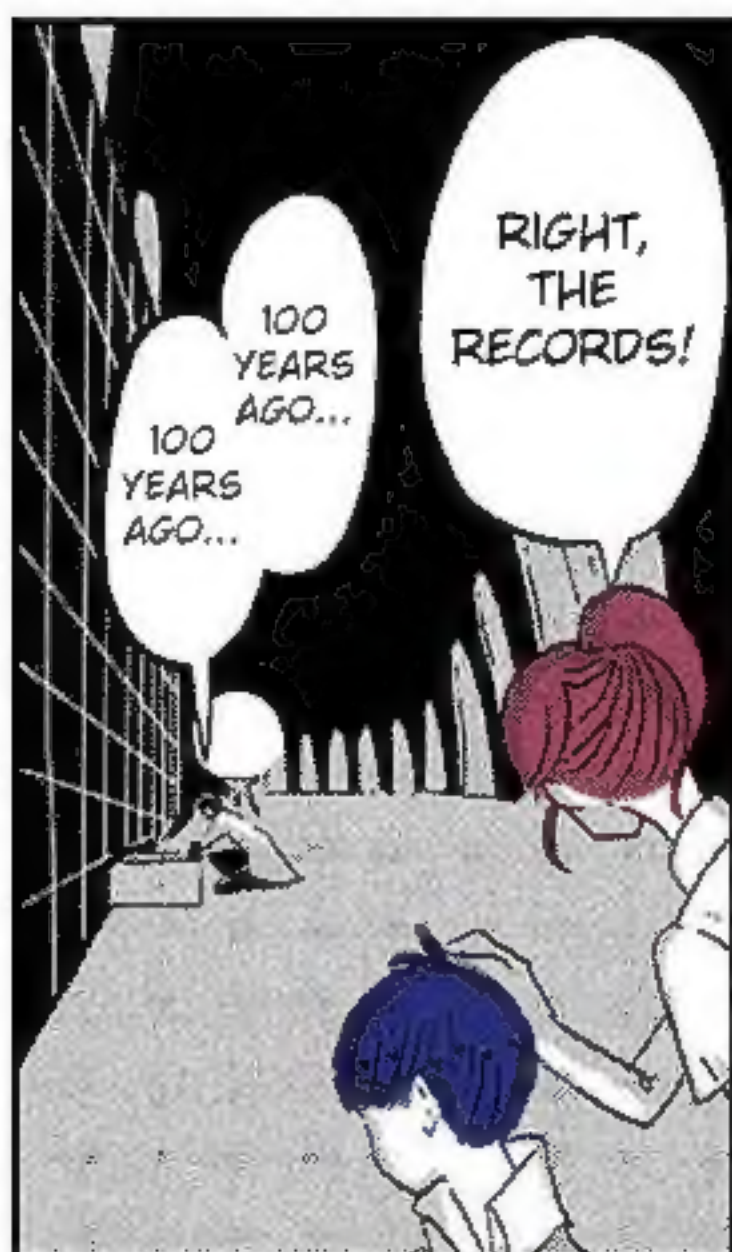
I ALSO
DIDN'T SEW
YOU PAJAMAS!



100
YEARS
AGO...

AH!





100 YEARS AGO...
100 YEARS AGO...

RIGHT, THE RECORDS!



SO SOMETHING HAPPENED.

IN THAT CASE...

THIS IS SERIOUS!

BUT AFTER YOU LOST YOUR LEGS IN THE SEA THERE WAS NO POINT, RIGHT?

I HAD THEM ALREADY PLANNED! THE DESIGN WAS SUPER CLITE!

THAT'S MY ONLY SCATTERED MEMORY OF 100 YEARS AGO... SORRY.



I FIRST NEED SENSEI'S PERMISSION. I NEED TO PREPARE. EVEN IF THERE ARE CONCERNS, I DON'T PLAN TO ABANDON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PLAN."

CHANCES OF RECOVERING SEEM WEAK, AND I STILL CAN'T HELP BUT THINK IF IT STILL DOESN'T REACH SUCCESS, WE COULD USE PARTS OF HIM TO OPERATE ON PADPARADSCHA. EVEN IF IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY SOLUTION.

"TEN DAYS AFTER THE ATTACHING. PHOS STILL NOT WAKING UP. NO CHANGES OBSERVED.

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EXACTLY!



TO REPLACE YOUR LOST LEGS I USED A SUBSTITUTE FROM AN AGATE SHELL. WHICH WAS FOR SOME REASON WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU CAME BACK. YOU SAID YOU RECIEVED IT FROM SOMEONE.

AH-AH-AH-I GOT IT!

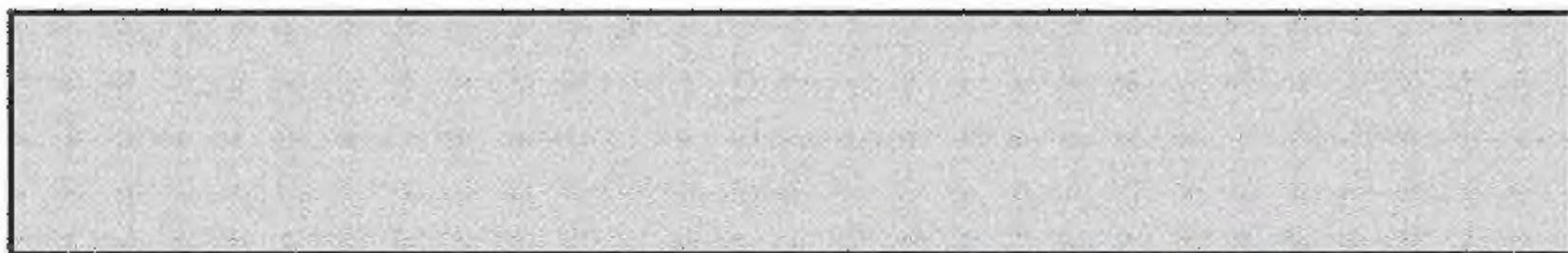


HM-HM.

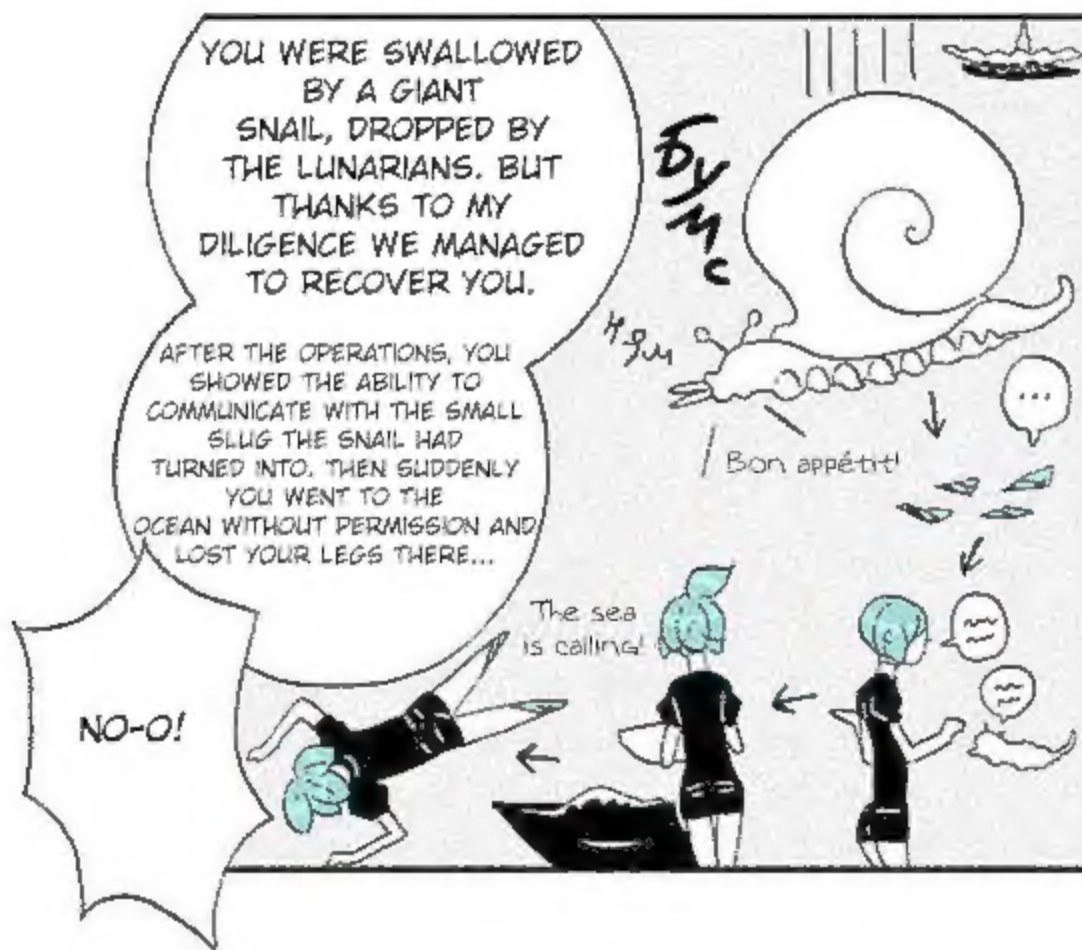
IT IS NOT THIS ONE. THIS ONE IS ABOUT YOUR HEAD'S REPLACEMENT.

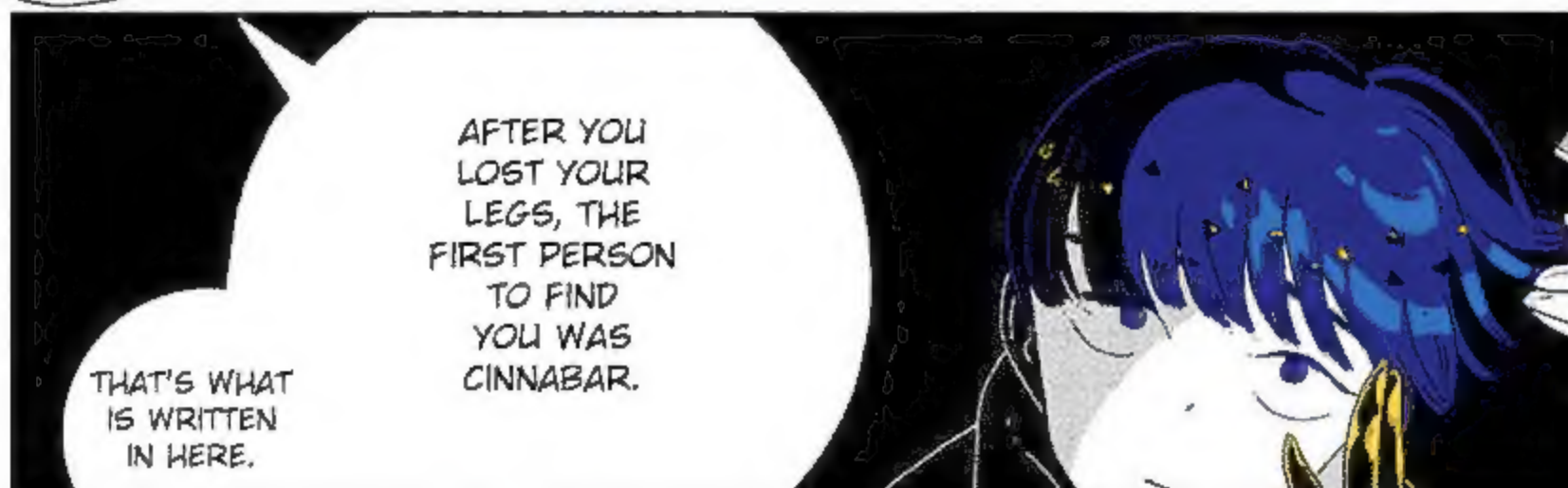
He mused his thoughts

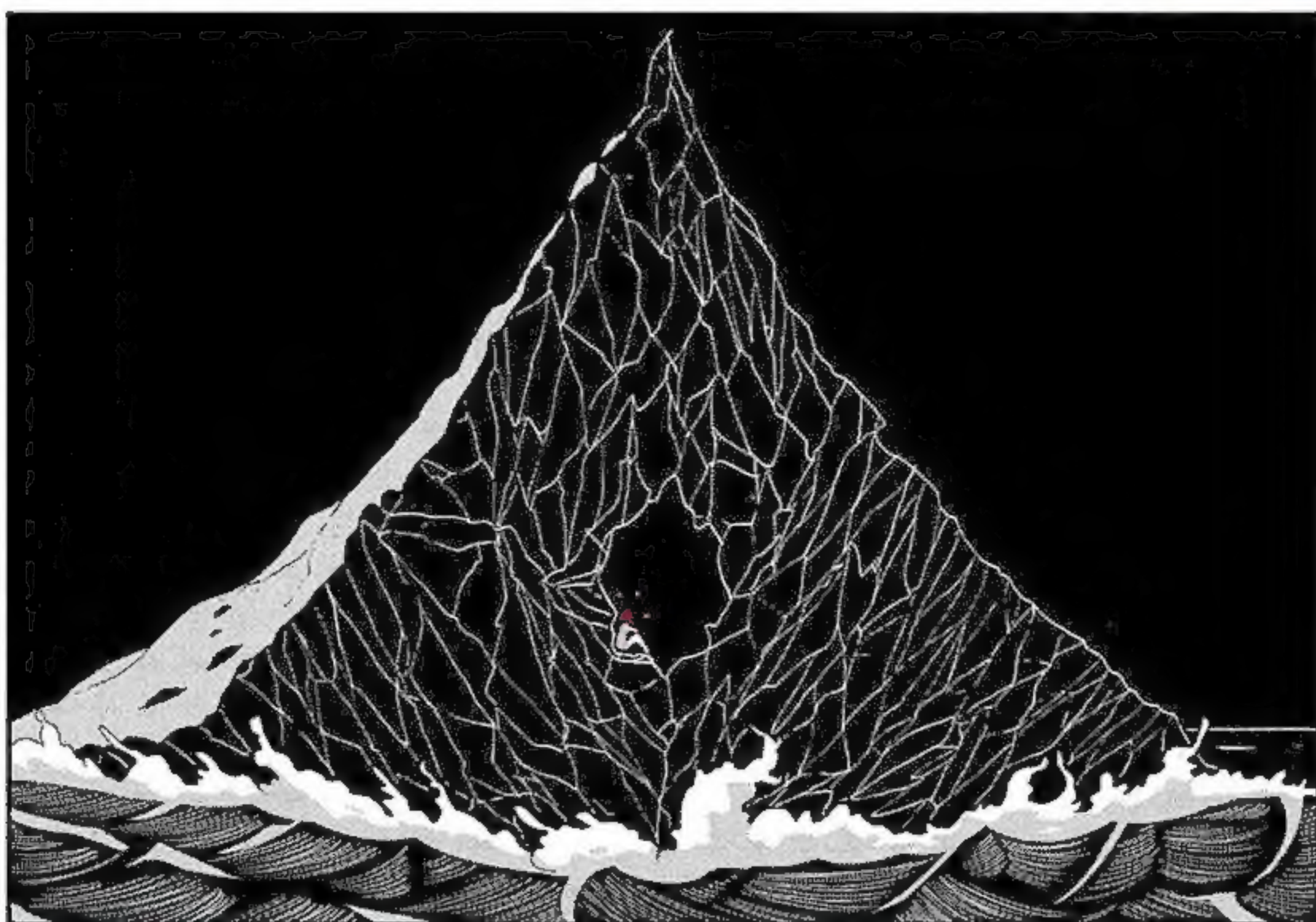
That sounded dangerous



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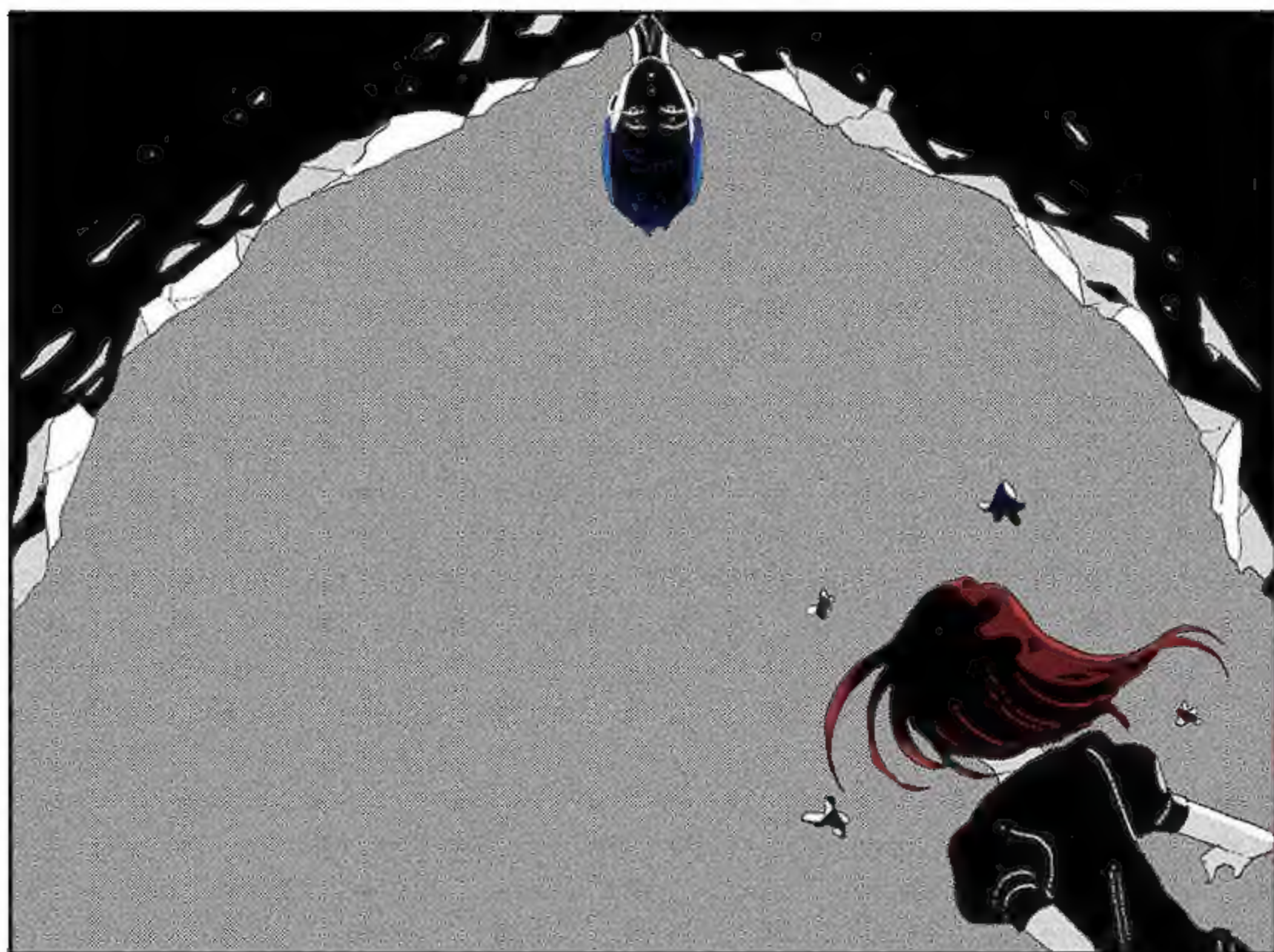


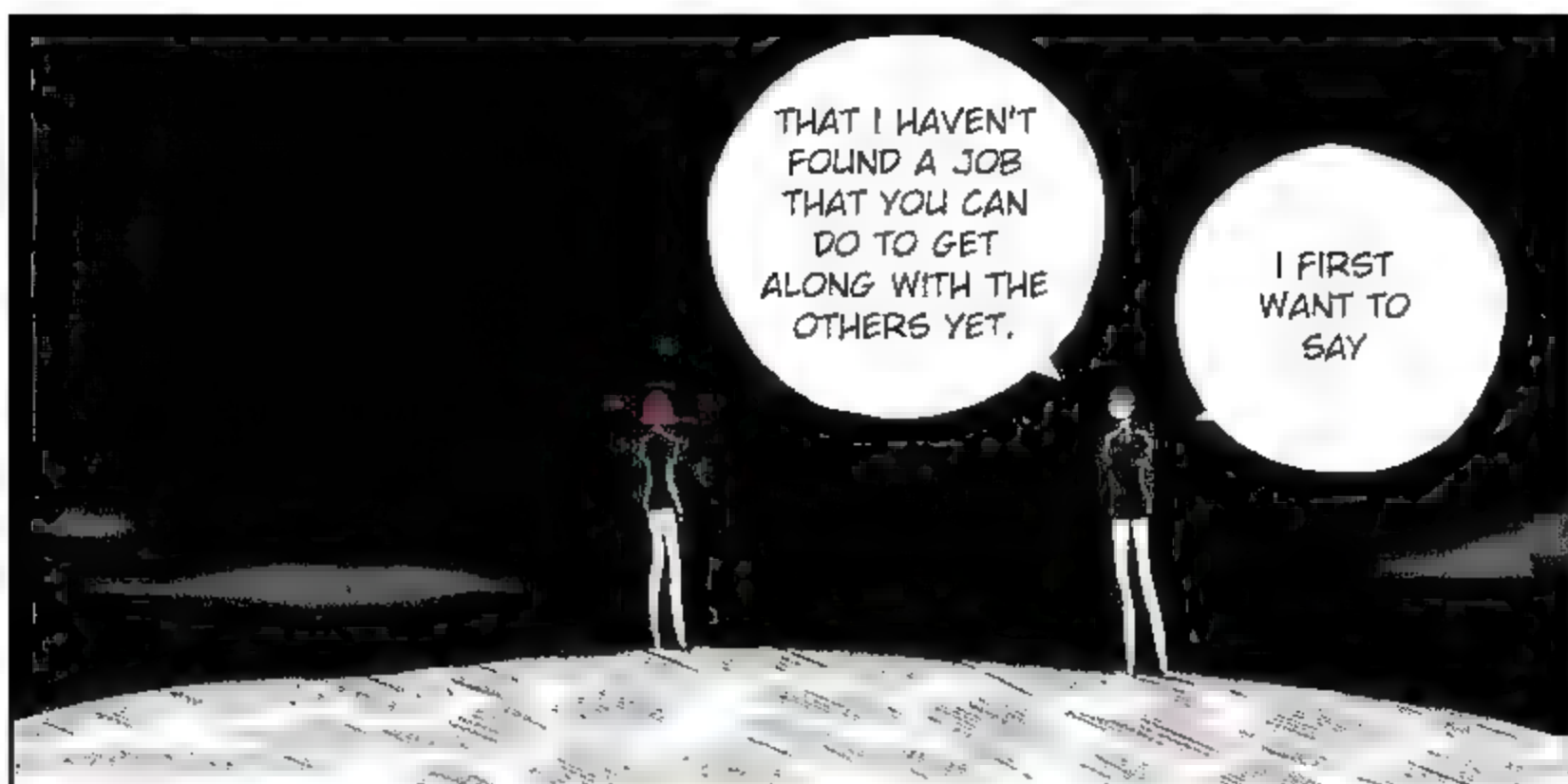




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THAT I HAVEN'T
FOUND A JOB
THAT YOU CAN
DO TO GET
ALONG WITH THE
OTHERS YET.

I FIRST
WANT TO
SAY



FORGET
ABOUT
YOU.



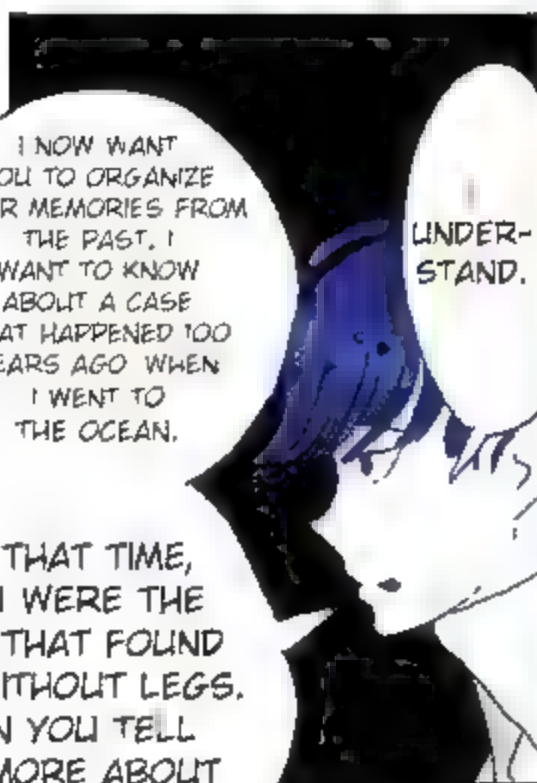
I
CAN'T



EVEN
WITH
ANOTHER
HEAD
AND
AFTER
A
HUNDRED
YEARS. .

YOU
STILL
REMEMBER
THAT
NONSENSE.

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I NOW WANT
YOU TO ORGANIZE
YOUR MEMORIES FROM
THE PAST. I
WANT TO KNOW
ABOUT A CASE
THAT HAPPENED 100
YEARS AGO WHEN
I WENT TO
THE OCEAN.

AT THAT TIME,
YOU WERE THE
ONE THAT FOUND
ME, WITHOUT LEGS.
CAN YOU TELL
ME MORE ABOUT
IT?

UNDER-
STAND.



AND WHAT
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO
WITH THAT
FAITH?



ALL I
HAVE NOW -
IT'S FAITH
IN THAT
CO-OPERATING
WITH YOU
IS POSSIBLE.

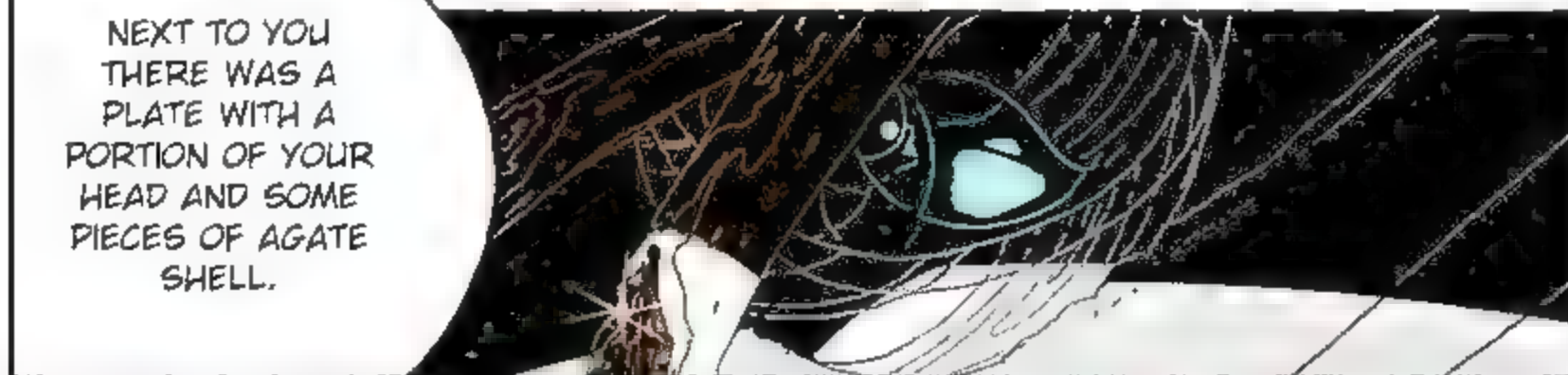


YOU WERE JUST
THROWN BY THE
WAVES NEAR THE
PLACES WHERE I
WAS.

I WASN'T
LOOKING FOR
YOU.



NEXT TO YOU
THERE WAS A
PLATE WITH A
PORTION OF YOUR
HEAD AND SOME
PIECES OF AGATE
SHELL.



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THANK
YOU.

MAKES
SENSE.

JUST
ONE
MORE
QUESTION.



TO
ME,
IT'S
IRRELEVANT.

THAT'S
ALL.
WHATEVER
HAPPENED
BEFORE,
I
DON'T
KNOW.





DO SLUGS
LIVE LONGER
THAN A
HUNDRED YEARS?



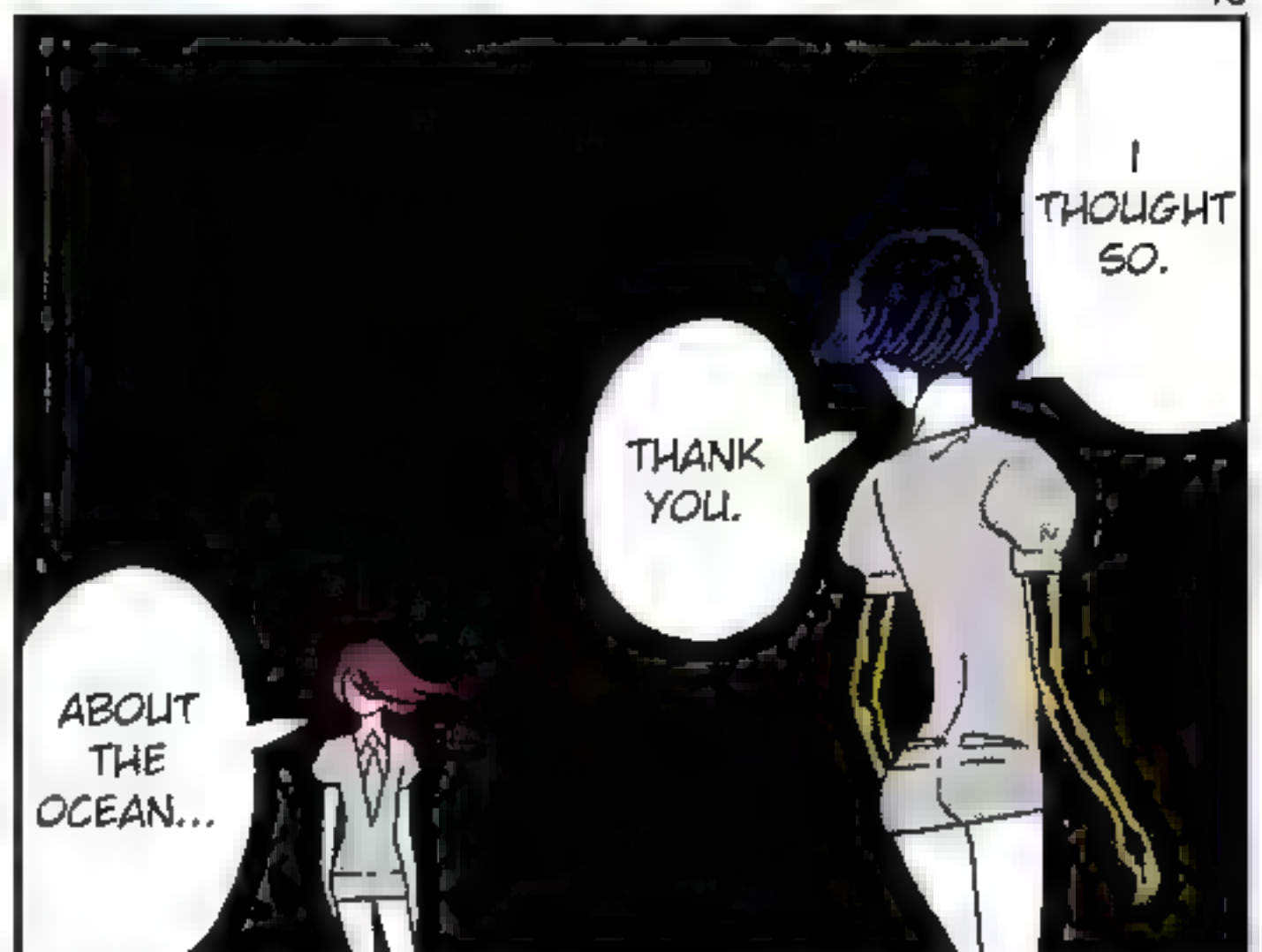
THEY
ARE
ANIMALS...

...HARDLY.

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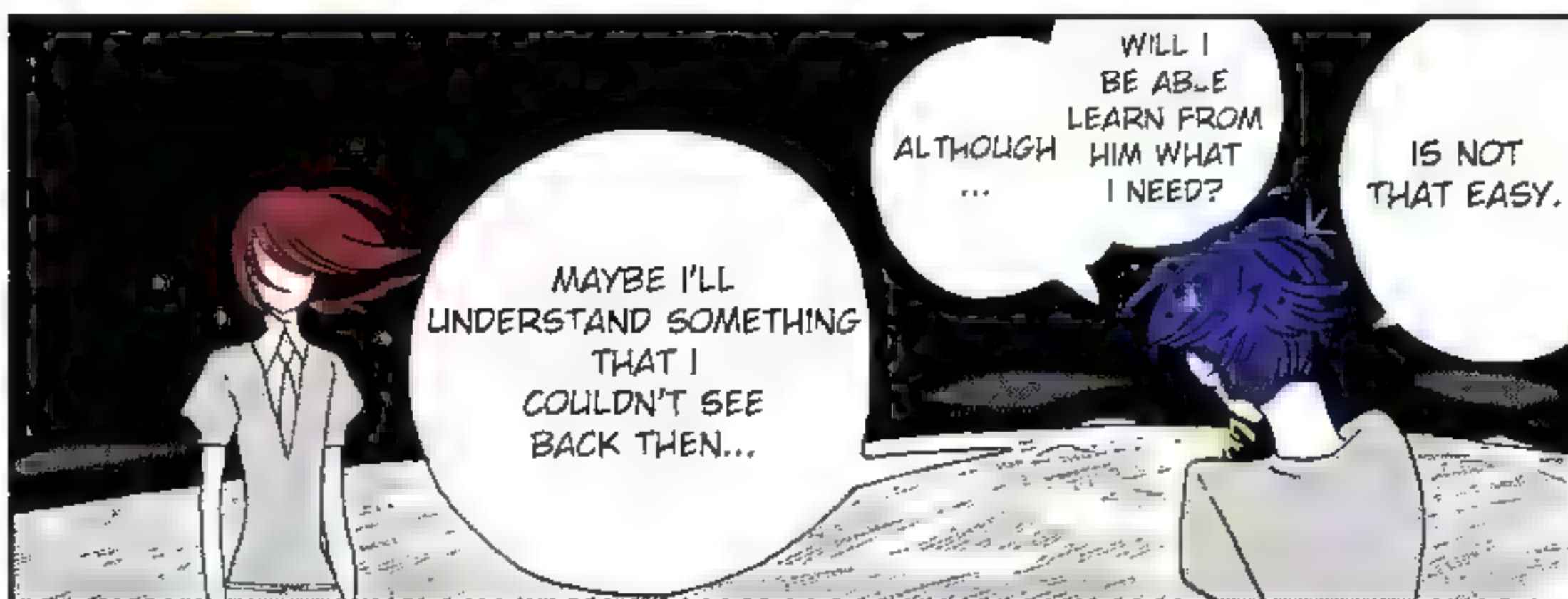
YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO
REPORT IN
DETAIL TO
SENSEI.



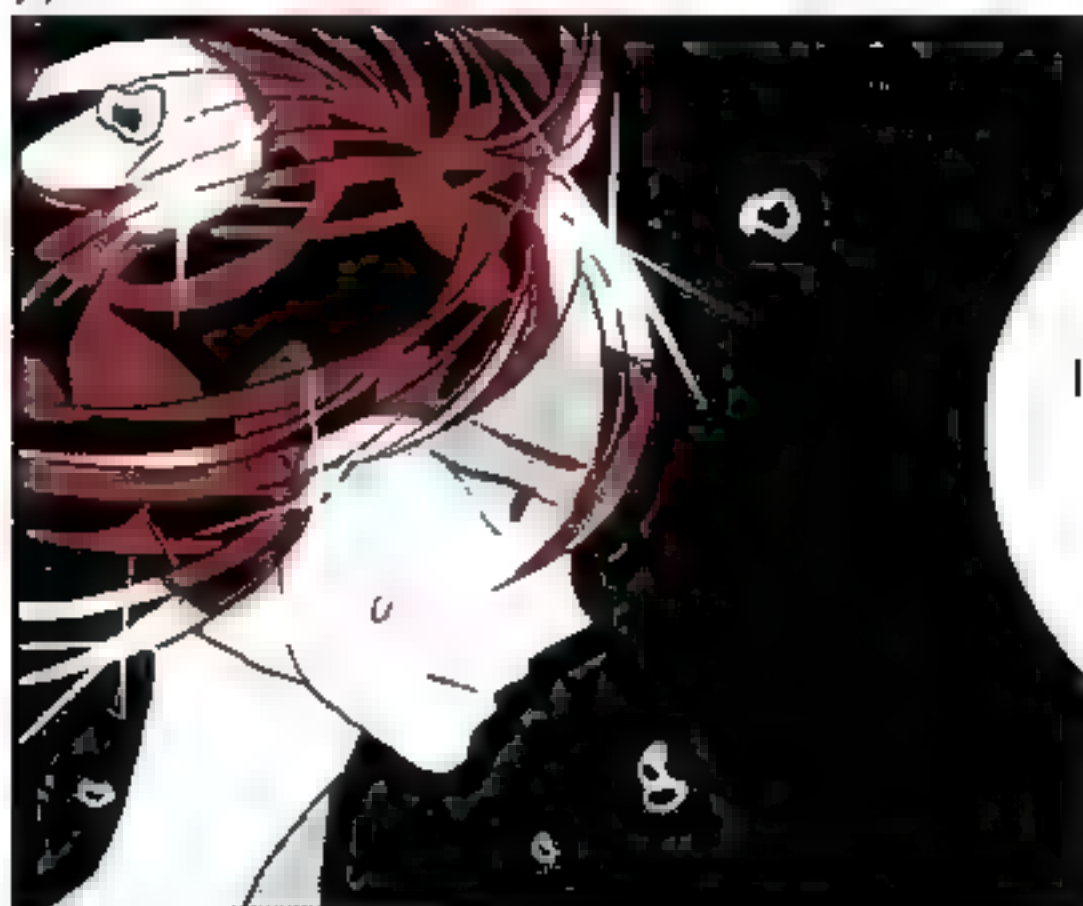
ABOUT
THE
OCEAN...

THANK
YOU.

I
THOUGHT
SO.



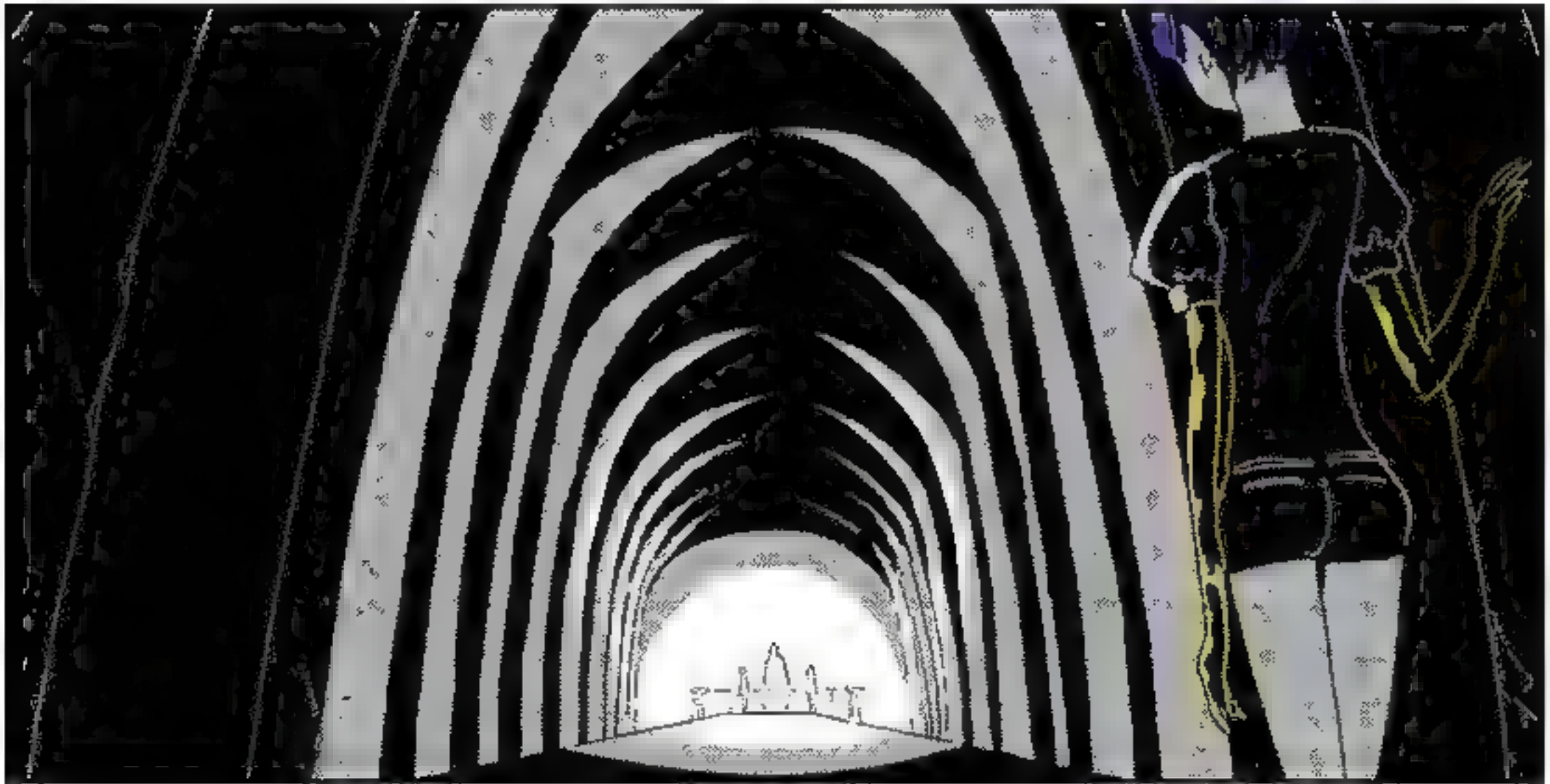
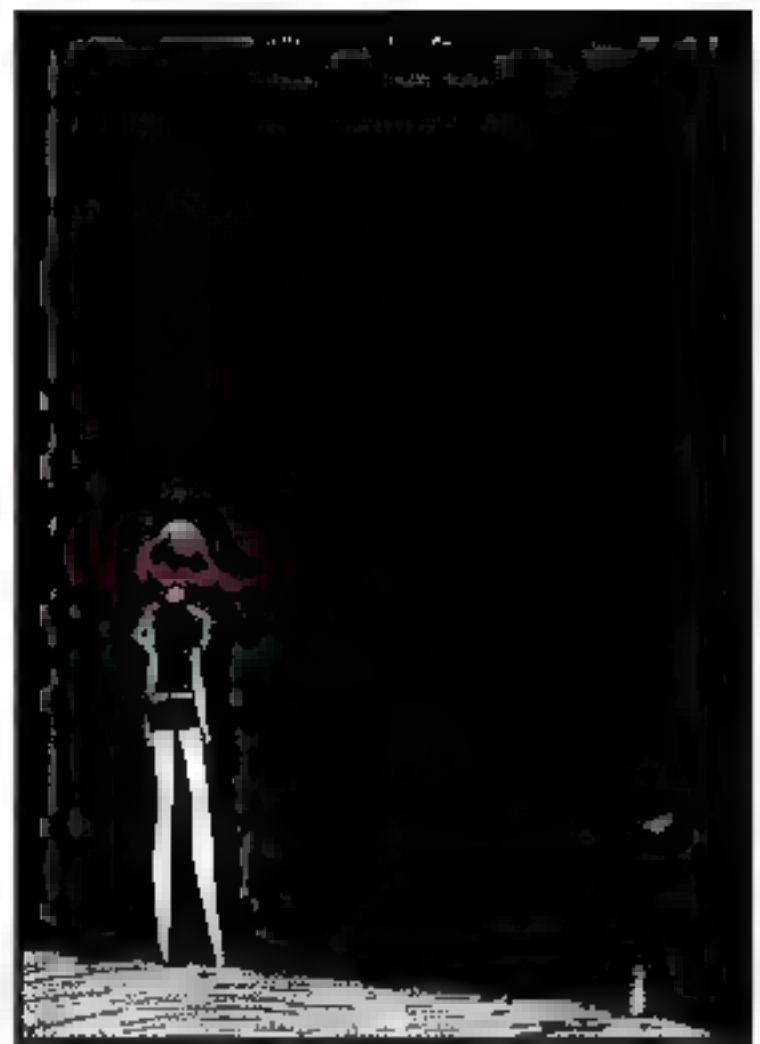
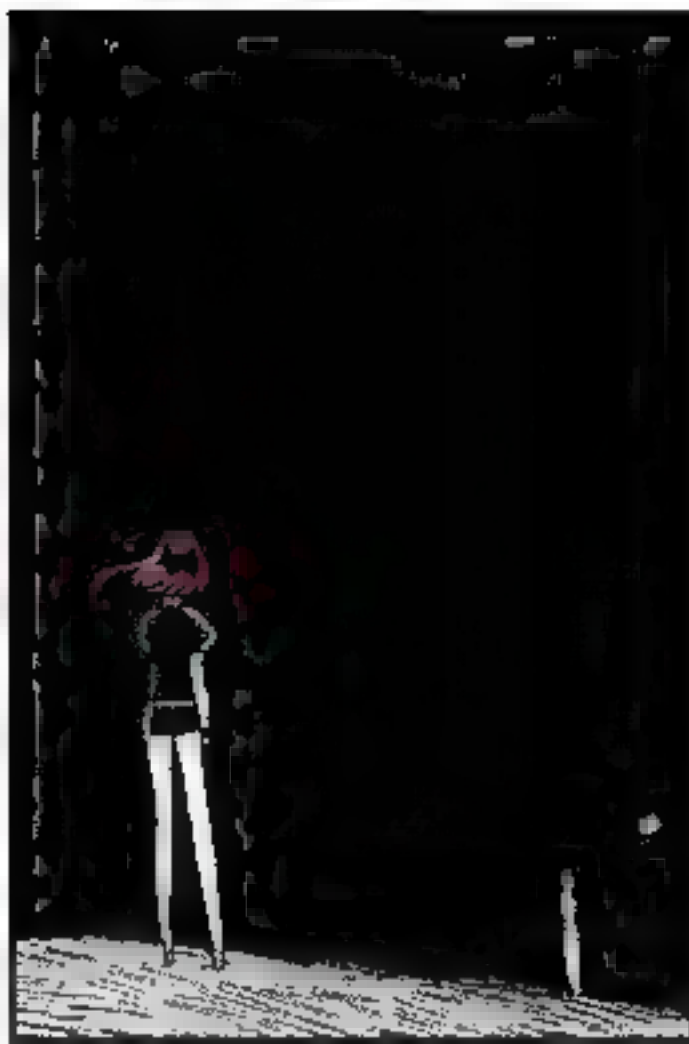
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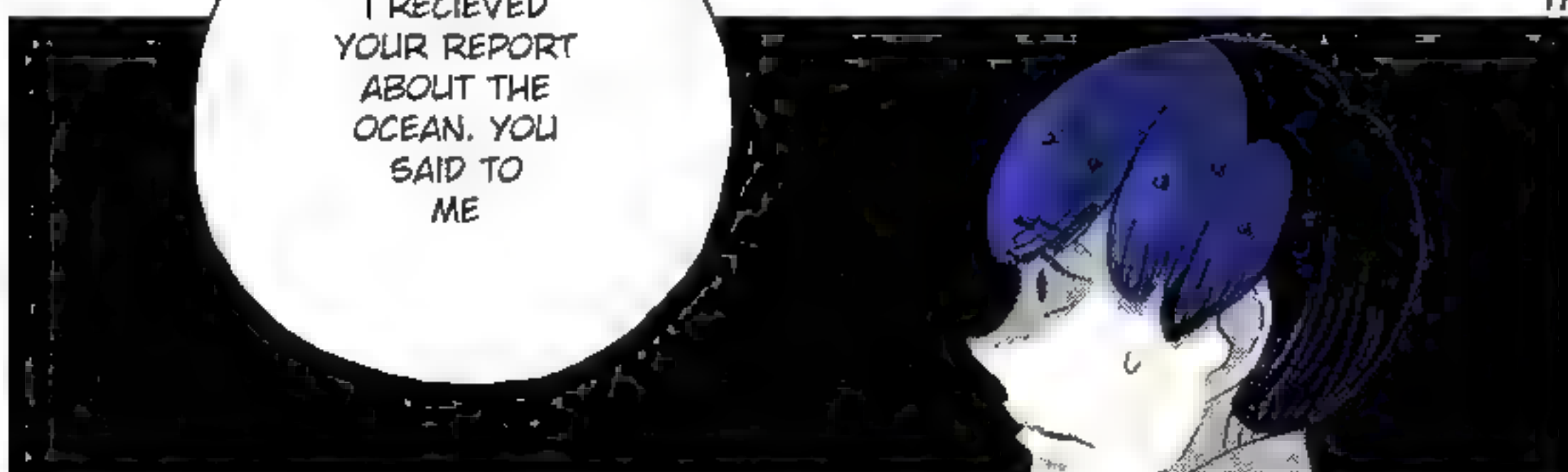




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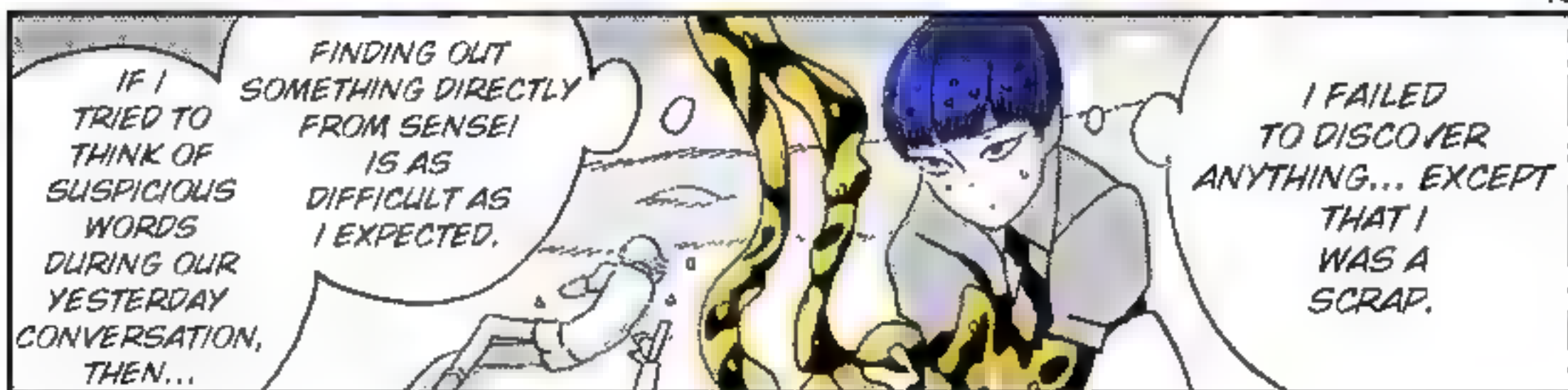


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BUT HE SAID
A LOT, CONSIDERING
THESE EVENTS UNFOLDED
OVER A CENTURY
AGO. IF I
CLING TO MY
DISTRUST AND STAY
ALERT ALL THE
TIME, THEN EVERYTHING
WILL SEEM SUSPICIOUS.
THAT'S DANGEROUS.

TWICE HE
USED VAGUE
EXPRESSIONS AND
AT ONE
TIME HE
STOPPED.

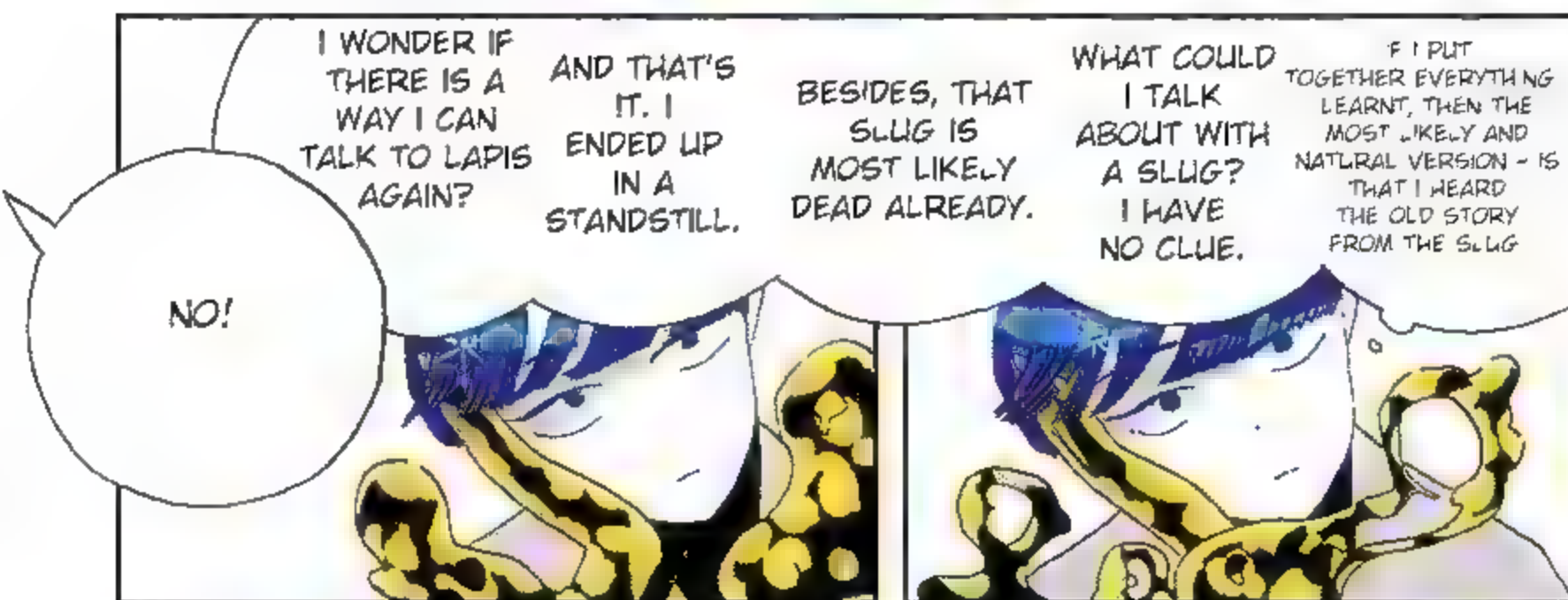
RUTILE AND
YELLOW'S ANSWERS
WERE NOT
UNUSUAL EITHER.



"SOME
SMALL
DETAILS"

"..."

"HARDLY"



I WONDER IF
THERE IS A
WAY I CAN
TALK TO LAPIS
AGAIN?

AND THAT'S
IT. I
ENDED UP
IN A
STANDSTILL.

BESIDES, THAT
SLUG IS
MOST LIKELY
DEAD ALREADY.

WHAT COULD
I TALK
ABOUT WITH
A SLUG?
I HAVE
NO CLUE.

IF I PUT
TOGETHER EVERYTHING
LEARN'T, THEN THE
MOST LIKELY AND
NATURAL VERSION - IS
THAT I HEARD
THE OLD STORY
FROM THE SLUG

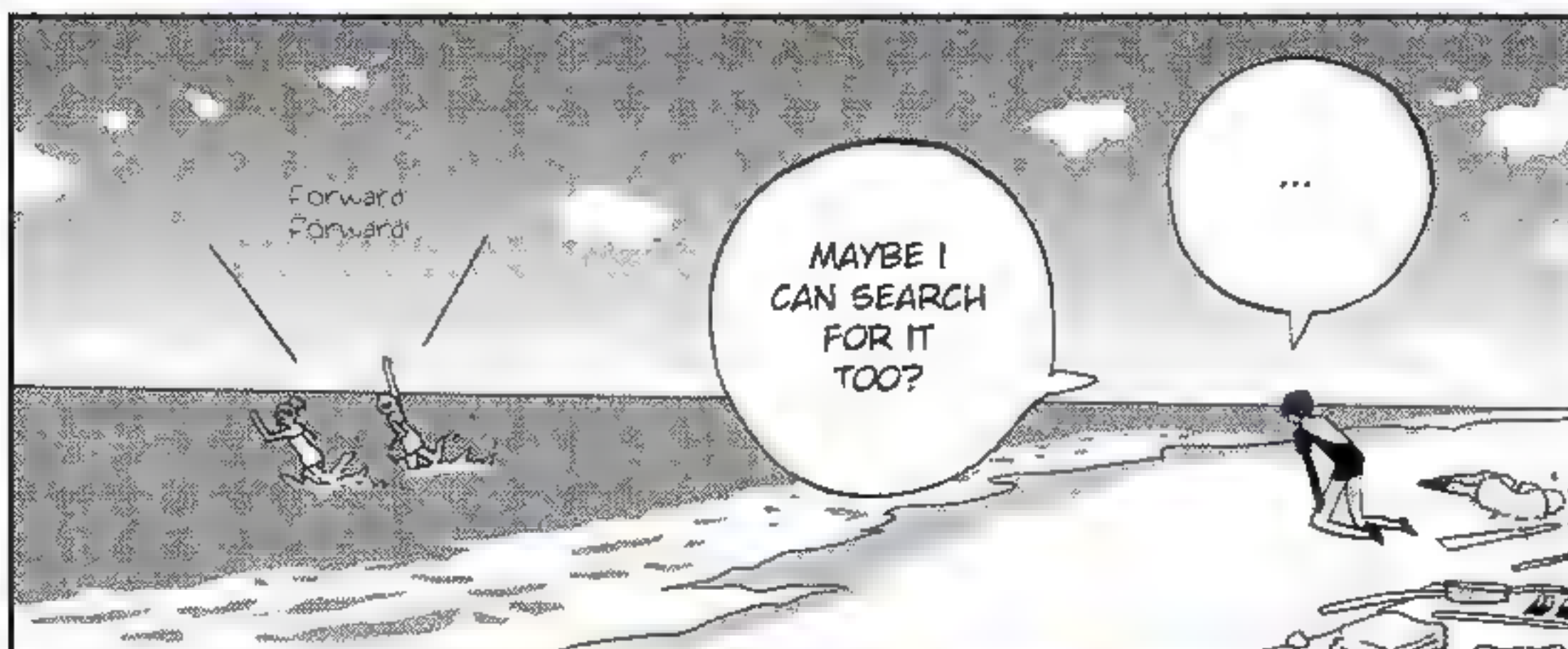
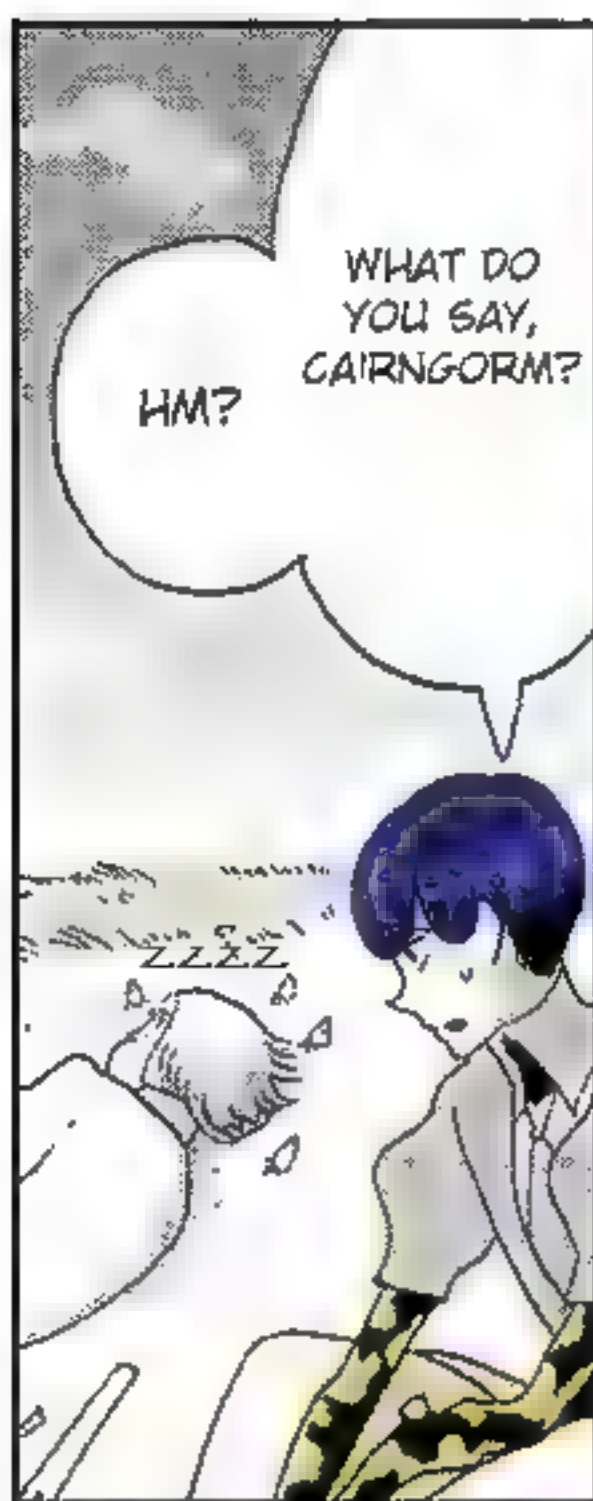
NO!

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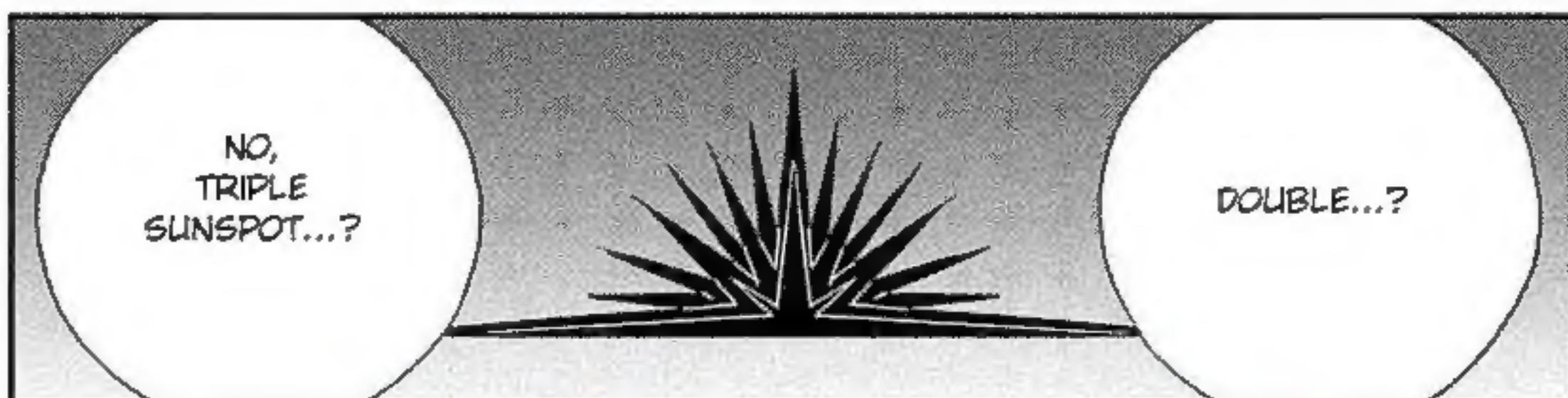
NOTHING
THERE.

AH?



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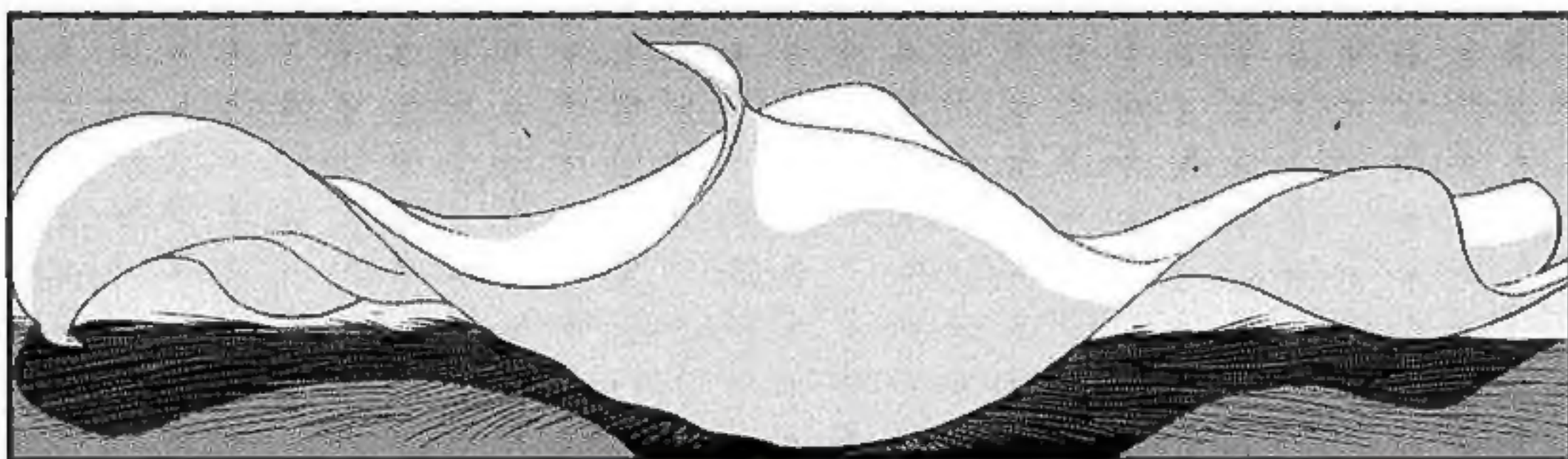
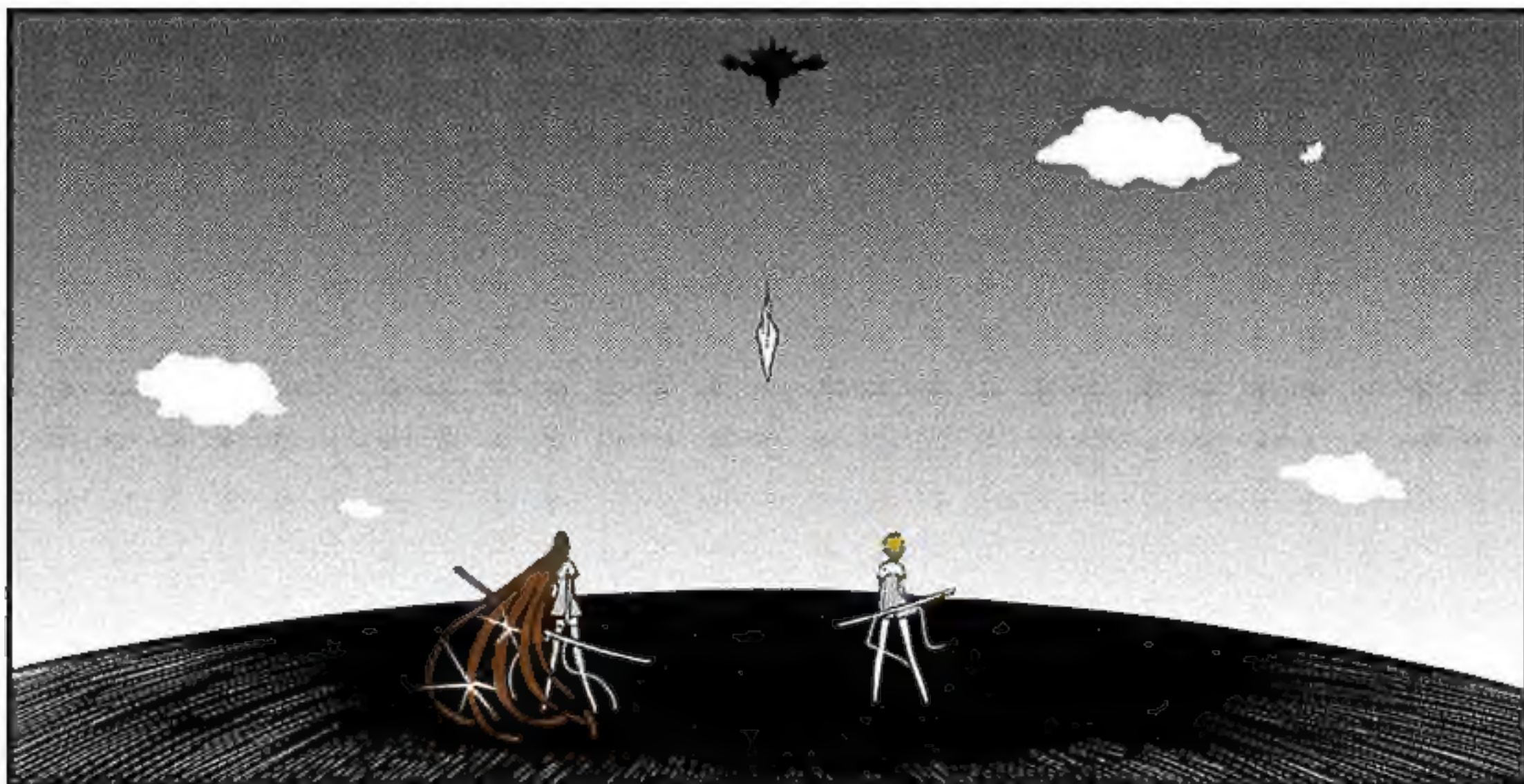


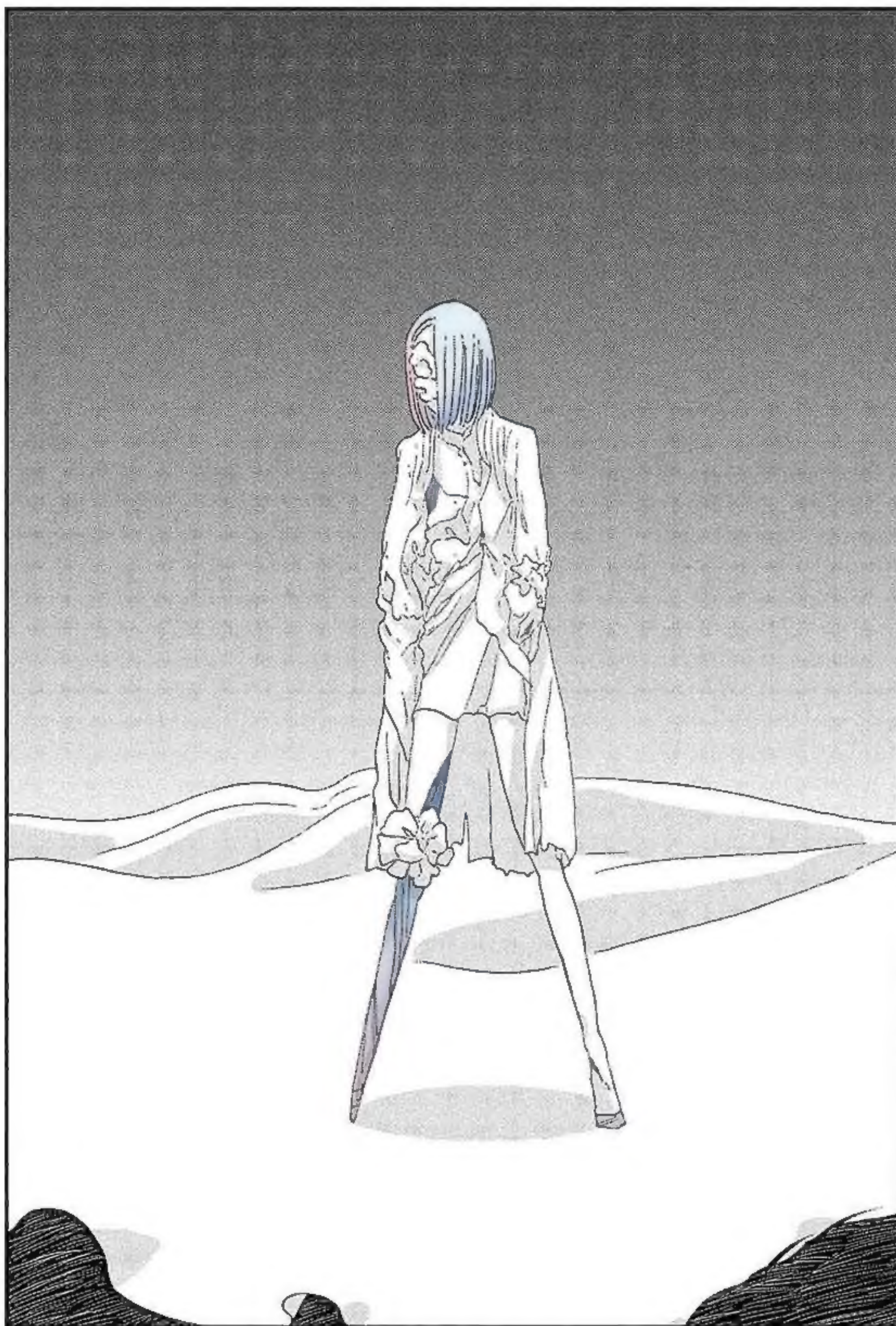


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THIS NEVER
HAPPENED BEFORE.
EVEN MORE,
THE SPOT
IS REALLY
SMALL AND
LOCATED VERY
HIGHLY.





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